

REMARKS

Claims 3-8 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action indicates claims 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because claims 3 and 4 are indefinite for failing to recite all steps needed to produce the "colored shaped article" that is claimed. The Office Action indicates correction is required and makes the rejection final.

In response, Applicants make the requested correction by amending the claims as shown above and request reconsideration. As amended, the claims are no longer directed toward a method for producing a colored shaped article but instead are directed toward a method for producing a colored region (and a non-colored region in claim 3) of a colored shaped article. A performance of the steps recited in claims 3 and 4 do produce what is claimed.

Applicants note that the alleged defect in the claims was present in the claims as filed and constitute a new ground for rejection that was not necessitated by amendments. For this reason, the rejection should not have been made final; however, this issue will be moot when the amendments submitted herein are entered.


Respectfully submitted,



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